

**Waiver of Immunization Requirements for Schools and Childcare Facilities for
Children Displaced by Hurricane Katrina**

The Arkansas Departments of Health and Human Services and The Arkansas Department of Education are temporarily waiving all immunization requirements for entry into Arkansas schools and childcare facilities for any child displaced by Hurricane Katrina.

Current requirements allow a 30 day provisional period for entry into Kindergarten through 12th Grade and 15 calendar days for childcare enrollment to prove immunization compliance for attendance. However, in order to accommodate the children of victims of this tragic disaster, officials have ruled that the provisional enrollment period will be extended as needed for the hurricane recovery efforts.

Officials are making efforts to obtain immunization records from Louisiana's computerized immunization information.

WHEREFORE, THIS ORDER IS ENTERED ON **September 2, 2005** and shall be effective until rescinded by agreement of the Arkansas Department of Education and The Arkansas Division of Health of the Department of Health and Human Services.

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